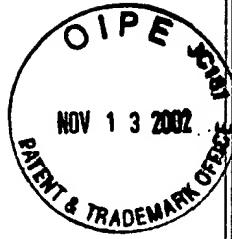


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 5, 2002, a response to which was due September 5, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested. A request for a two-month extension of time is attached herewith making the due date for the response November 5, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows: